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1. DCM PAWLISZEWSKI'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT AN INCREASING TREND IN EMIGRATION ARE MISLEADING, TO SAY THE LEAST. IN GENERAL, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IVS ISSUED BY THE EMBASSY HAS DECLINED SINCE 1966. THE FIGURES ARE:

1966 - 8171

1967 - 3628

1968 - 2991

1969 - 4477

1970 - 1408

1971 - 1331

1972 - 2660

1973 - 1921 1974 - 1799

1274 1722

1975 - 1850 1976 - 1472

1977 - 1563

2. IF THE GOP CONTINUES TO APPROVE THE PASSPORT APPLICATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF INTENDING IMMIGRANTS AT THE PRESENT RATE, WE WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO ISSUE 1848 IVS IN 1978. WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 1100 DIVIDED FAMILY CASES, COMPRISING ABOUT 3200 PEOPLE, WITH THE TOTAL OF UNRESOLVED REPRESENTED CASES RISING EVERY MONTH. WE CANNOT EASE UP ON THE POLES BECAUSE OF THE SLIGHT INCREASE IN IV ISSUANCE TOTALS FROM 1976 TO 1977. ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT NUMBERS OF CASES ARE RESOLVED THAT NEED NOT BE REPRESENTED TO THE MFA,

WE INTERPRET THOSE FIGURES SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. OUT OF THE 1563 IVS WE ISSUED IN 1977, ONLY 257 HAD BEEN REPRESENTED TO THE MFA. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 323 NEW CASES INVOLVING 986 PEOPLE CAME TO OUR ATTENTION. WHY DO THE POLES SOLVE MORE NEW CASES THAN THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED TO THEM OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS? WHY DO THEY PERMIT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNRESOLVED REPRESENTED CASES TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE? IT CANNOT BE ONLY BECAUSE THEY DIFFER WITH US ON WHETHER NON-NUCLEAR CASES ARE TRUE DIVIDED FAMILIES. MANY OF THE CASES THAT ARE SOLVED ARE NON-NUCLEAR CASES. UNTIL THESE QUESTIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS ARE ANSWERED, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE POLISH ASSERTION THAT THEY ARE MEETING OUR NEEDS IN THIS QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

3. WE FIND PAWLISZEWSKI'S STATEMENT ON A TIME LIMIT TO THE SECURITY STRICTURES AGAINST STROJEK'S DEPARTURE INTERESTING. WE HAVE NOT HEARD IT HERE, AND WE WILL TRY TO SMOKE OUT THE POLES IN THE MFA. IT COULD BE THAT PAWLISZEWSKI IS SAYING WHAT HE THINKS WE WANT TO HEAR. SCHAUFELE

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